

Jesus gives two warnings and one main point.

Warning #1

Don't **underestimate** the power of **evil**.

Four characteristics of evil -

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- Evil is **restless**.

The spirit [demon] “passes through  
waterless places seeking rest, but finds  
none.” (43)

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“The great thing to remember is that the mind of man cannot be enlightened permanently by merely teaching him to reject some particular set of superstitions.



“There is an infinite supply of other superstitions always at hand;

“and the mind that desires such things ... will,  
as soon as its devils are cast out, proceed to  
fill itself with their relations.”

Gilbert Murray

“If, for example, we succeed in reducing the number of cigarettes smoked by our nation’s youth

“but do nothing to reduce the level of chronic anxiety throughout the nation, then the addiction will just take another form,

“and the same children who were vulnerable to one kind of addiction will become easy prey for the as-yet unimagined new temptation.”

Edwin Friedman

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- Evil is **possessive**.



“I will return to **my** house from which I came.” (44)

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- Evil is resilient.
- Evil is possessive.
- Evil is **expansive**.

“Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first.” (45a)

How is Satan currently attacking you and others who are close to you?

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand **against** the schemes of the devil.

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but **against** the rulers, **against** the authorities,

“**against** the cosmic powers over this present darkness, **against** the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

Ephesians 6:10-20



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Warning #2

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“empty, swept, and put in order” (44)

What is the main point of the parable?

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**Something will fill everyone.**

evil → empty → more evil

- While the aroma of Mary's sacrificial perfume "**filled**" the house, Judas's heart was **filled** with greed. (John 12:3-6)

- While the Spirit “**filled**” the house and hearts of the disciples (Acts 2:1-4), Ananias’s heart was “**filled**” with deception (Acts 5:3).



“Why has Satan **filled** your heart to lie to the  
Holy Spirit?”

Acts 5:3

- While those with a “debased mind” are “**filled** with all manner of unrighteousness,” those putting their faith in Jesus are **filled** with joy and peace (Rom. 1:29, 15:13).

“May the God of hope **fill** you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

Romans 15:13

“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

“that according to the riches of his glory he  
may grant you to be strengthened with  
power through his Spirit **in your inner being,**

“so that Christ may **dwell in your hearts**  
through faith—that you, being rooted  
and grounded in love,

“may have strength to comprehend with all  
the saints what is the breadth and length  
and height and depth,

“and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be **filled** with all the fullness of God.



“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work **within us**,

“to him be glory in the church and in Christ  
Jesus throughout all generations, forever and  
ever. Amen.”

Ephesians 3:14-21

What does this have to do  
with our building dedication?

Something will fill this building.

## Building More Than a Building



**BELIEVE**

GOD'S WORD

**CONNECT**

WITH GOD'S FAMILY

**SHARE**

GOD'S STORY



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